

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims in keeping with the Examiner's requirements are hereby made and are included in a separate paper. The amendments to the claims alter the system of the invention per the Examiner's rejection over 35 USC 101, to include even more specific references to "useful, concrete and tangible results", per *State Street Bank and Trust Co. v. Signature Financial Group, Inc.* 149 F.3d 1368, 1973 (Fed. Cir. 1998), and / or the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Section 2106.01(I), Functional Descriptive Material.

It is believed that no new matter is presented in the amended claims. In particular, the word "computer" may be found multiple places throughout the application. For example, the discussion of a "forum" at page 25, 1st paragraph, starts with the statement that the presently preferred embodiment may be a computer network, page 22, 3rd paragraph, states that the device may comprise a module on a server computer and so on. The word "electronic", as suggested by the Examiner for the method claims, may be found in the disclosure, for example, in "electronic messages" and so on.

Allowable Subject Matter, Paragraph 2 of the First Office Action


The Examiner has in the First Office Action identified subject matter of claims 1 through 12 as allowable over the prior art of record, and accordingly the claims have been amended to conform to MPEP Section 2106.01(I), Functional Descriptive Material. The Examiner has stated that the claims "should positively recite the other statutory class (the thing or product) to which it

is tied, for example by identifying the apparatus which accomplishes the method steps". For that reason, the positive modules of the claims are now identified as "computer implemented", for example, "computer implemented database of..." and similar terms.

5 Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully urges that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is requested. The Examiner is respectfully urged to contact applicant's counsel, Craig W. Barber, PO Box 16220, Golden, Colorado, 80402-6004, 303-278-9973, fax 303-278-9977, with any questions or comments.

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